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SUBJ: SECDEF'S VISIT: TALKING POINTS PAPER: US NAVAL STRATEGY
STUDY

1. THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON NAVY SECRETARY CLAYTON'S
MEMORANDUM TO YOU RECEIVED VERY WIDE PRESS COVERAGE
IN NORWAY UNDER HEADINGS SUCH AS THAT WHICH LED THE
ARTICLE IN NORWAY'S LARGEST DAILY: "CARTER'S NAVY
SECRETARY SAYS NORWAY CAN BE ABANDONED". THE SUBSTANCE
OF THE ARTICLE WAS WIDELY DISCUSSED IN NORWAY, HAS
BEEN RAISED BY DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
AT ALL LEVELS. DURING CONVERSTATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS.
YOU CAN BE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT YOUR NORWEGIAN HOSTS
WILL SIMILARLY RAISE THE SUBJECT OF THE NAVAL STRATEGY
STUDY WITH YOU.

2. THEIR CONCERNS, OF COURSE, ARE OBVIOUS FOR A SHIFT
IN US STRATEGY SUCH AS THAT DISCUSSED IN THE NEW YORK
TIMES ARTICLE COULD BE POTENTIALLY DAMNING FOR THE
SAFE ARRIVAL OF THE MASSIVE ALLIED REINFORCEMENTS UPON WHICH
NORWAY DEPENDS FOR ITS SECURTY. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT
YOU RESPOND WITH AS STRONG A DENIAL AS POSSIBLE THAT THE
ARTICLE PRESAGES ANY CHANGE IN AMERICAN NAVAL
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STRATEGY THAT WOULD THREATEN NORWEGIAN SECURITY IN WARTIME.

3. THE ARTICLE HAS RAISED CERTAIN SMALL DOUBTS IN THE MINDS
OF THE AVERAGE NORWEGIAN AS TO THE STEADFASTNESS OF OUR
COMMITMENT WHICH COULD BE VERY USEFULLY DISPELLED BY YOU
IN YOUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS.
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